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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Invention: CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION

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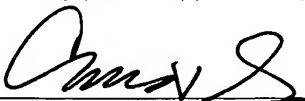
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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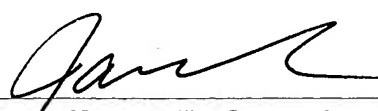
  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 8, 2004 requiring an election between two species identified as planetary transmission (claims 1-7) and non-planetary transmission (claims 8-16), Applicant elects claims 8-16 with traverse.

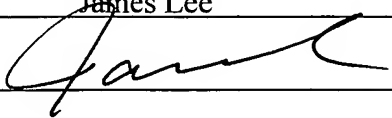
Examiner contends that claims 8-16 are directed to a non-planetary transmission. Claim 8 specifically calls for "a plurality of planet gears each disposed about one of said plurality of crankshaft and driven by said crankshaft ...".

Claims 1-7 and claims 8-16 are directed to different species of planetary transmissions. Apparently, the restriction requirement is also grounded on the different species.



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